



126th Maine Legislature
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Senator Rebecca J. Millett
Senate Chair

Representative W. Bruce MacDonald
House Chair

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Cross State Office Building, Room #202

1. Call to Order (Sen. Millett, Senate Chair and Rep. MacDonald, House Chair)

- ❖ Introduction of Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Members and Staff

2. Overview and Progress Report from Lawrence O. Picus & Associates on the Independent Review of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) School Funding Laws

(Dr. Lawrence Picus, Managing Partner; Michael Griffith, Senior School Finance Analyst, Education Commission of the States; and Associates TBA)

- ❖ Lawrence O. Picus & Associates will provide an overview of the work plan for the independent review of the EPS School Funding Laws as authorized by Resolve 2011, chapter 166 (that enacted LD 958 as amended), *"Resolve, To Authorize the Legislature To Contract for an Independent Review to Evaluate the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act"*
- ❖ Lawrence O. Picus & Associates will provide a progress report on the work completed to date on the independent review of the EPS School Funding Laws
- ❖ Education and Cultural Affairs Committee discussion of any questions or issues related to the work plan and progress to date

3. Discussion of Timeline and Key Dates (Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Members with Wendy Cherubini, Senior Analyst, OPEGA and Lawrence O. Picus & Associates)

- ❖ Review of timeline related to the transmittal of the deliverables and the final report
- ❖ Preview of February 7th Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Public Forum

4. Announcements (Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Members)

5. Adjournment